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 SUMMARY  
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2. IN HIS SEPTEMBER 2 MEETING WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY  
 MOOSE, BELGIAN AMBASSADOR CASSIERS SUGGESTED THAT A  
 PRELIMINARY WORKING SESSION ON ZAIRE BE HELD IN NEW YORK  
 SEPTEMBER 19 WITH MR. MOOSE'S BELGIAN AND FRENCH

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COUNTERPARTS BEFORE MEETING WITH SGSR BRAHIMI SEPTEMBER 20. A MINISTERIAL-LEVEL MEETING WITH BRAHIMI AND THE SYG IS UNDER CONSIDERATION FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 27. ON SOMALIA, CASSIERS AFFIRMED THAT DESPITE THE SYG'S REQUEST THAT BELGIAN TROOPS REMAIN AFTER JANUARY 1, THEY WILL BE WITHDRAWN. CONCERNING RWANDA, CASSIERS REITERATED THAT BELGIUM WILL FINANCIALLY SUPPORT THE PEACEKEEPING/DEMOBILIZATION PROCESS, BUT WILL NOT CONTRIBUTE FORCES. END SUMMARY.

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ZAIRE  
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3. ASSISTANT SECRETARY MOOSE, ACCCOMPANIED BY AF/S AND AF/C DEPUTY DIRECTORS AND THE BELGIAN DESK OFFICER, MET SEPTEMBER 2 WITH BELGIAN AMBASSADOR CASSIERS WHO HAD JUST RETURNED FROM LEAVE. HOWEVER, CASSIERS ADMITTED HE WAS NOT ENTIRELY CURRENT ON GOB THINKING ON AFRICAN ISSUES. TURNING FIRST TO ZAIRE, CASSIERS SAID HE HAD NOT YET BEEN CONFIDENTIAL

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BRIEFED BY BRUSSELS ON THE OUTCOME OF THE AUGUST 31 PARIS MEETING BETWEEN FOREIGN MINISTERS CLAES AND JUPPE. HOWEVER, THE BELGIANS HAVE AGREED TO HOLD A TRIPARTITE MEETING AT THE AF ASSISTANT SECRETARY LEVEL IN NEW YORK SEPTEMBER 19 IN ORDER TO AGREE ON THE NEXT STEPS THE BRAHIMI MISSION MIGHT CONSIDER. A MEETING WITH BRAHIMI WITH THE SAME INTERLOCUTORS IS ENVISAGED FOR SEPTEMBER 20. (EMBASSY PARIS HAS TOLD US THESE DATES ARE AGREEABLE TO THE FRENCH AS WELL.) (COMMENT: BRAHIMI HAS INDICATED THAT BEFORE HIS MISSION GOES FORWARD, HE NEEDS A DEMONSTRATION OF WESTERN SUPPORT. END COMMENT.)

4. A/S MOOSE TOLD CASSIERS THAT THE SECRETARY WILL BE UNABLE TO BE IN NEW YORK UNTIL THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 27. CASSIERS WAS AWARE THAT JUPPE IS DECIDEDLY UNENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT A MEETING AT HIS LEVEL AND ADDED THAT CHIRAC APPEARS INCREASINGLY UNWILLING TO APPLY TOUGH MEASURES AGAINST MOBUTU. CASSIERS ADDED THAT THE PRELIMINARY SEPTEMBER 19 MEETING WILL BE IMPORTANT TO AGREE ON THE PREFERRED PARAMETERS OF THE BRAHIMI MISSION. MOOSE AGREED THAT QUESTIONS LIKE THE FORM, NATURE AND DURATION OF A TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT, AS WELL AS TIMING, COSTS AND MODALITIES OF ELECTIONS WILL REQUIRE MUCH DISCUSSION AND REFLECTION AMONG THE THREE. CASSIERS

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COMMENTED THAT BRAHIMI DOES NOT BELIEVE MUCH IN ELECTIONS EITHER AS A PRACTICAL SOLUTION OR BECAUSE OF THE ADDED BURDEN TO THE UN THAT SUPERVISION AND FINANCING WOULD ENTAIL. MOOSE RESPONDED THAT HE WELCOMED SUGGESTIONS TO MOVE THE PROCESS FORWARD.

5. CASSIERS SAID HE WAS NOT BRIEFED ON THE LATEST STATE  
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OF PLAY CONCERNING THE QUESTION OF ZAIRIAN REPRESENTATION AT THE UN AND IMF AND PROMISED TO GET BACK TO MR. MOOSE AS SOON AS HE IS INFORMED ON THE LATEST BELGIAN POSITION.

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**SOMALIA**  
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6. CASSIERS NOTED THAT THE SYG HAD SENT BELGIAN FOREIGN MINISTER CASSIERS A LETTER ASKING THAT THE BELGIAN CONTINGENT REMAIN IN SOMALIA AFTER DECEMBER 31. HOWEVER, THE GOB IS DETERMINED TO WITHDRAW THE BELGIANS FOR REASONS OF COSTS, POLITICAL OPPOSITION TO THE SOMALI OPERATION IN THE GOVERNING BRUSSELS COALITION AND THE UNAVAILABILITY OF BELGIAN TROOPS FOR OTHER MISSIONS, PARTICULARLY BOSNIA AS WELL AS NATO RESPONSIBILITIES. MOOSE EXPRESSED REGRET AT THE BELGIAN DECISION TO LEAVE SOMALIA AT YEAR-END.

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7. IN RESPONSE TO MOOSE'S QUERY ON BELGIAN THOUGHTS ON RECENT DEVELOPMENTS ON RWANDA, CASSIERS SAID BELGIUM IS PLEASED WITH THE ARUSHA DECLARATION AND IS READY TO CONTRIBUTE FINANCIALLY TO A PEACEKEEPING/DEMOBILIZATION PROCESS BUT THERE IS NO POSSIBILITY THAT BELGIUM WILL CONTRIBUTE TROOPS.

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COMMENT

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8. DESPITE EARLIER BELGIAN EFFORTS TO MOVE THE PRELIMINARY TRIPARTITE TALKS ON ZAIRE TO BRUSSELS, THEY APPEAR PLEASED WITH THE PROSPECT OF THE SEPTEMBER 19-20 NEW YORK MEETING(S). AS PREPARATION FOR THOSE MEETINGS, IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR EMBASSIES BRUSSELS AND PARIS TO MAINTAIN THEIR PROBES OF THEIR RESPECTIVE INTERLOCUTORS OF WHAT LINES THEY ARE THINKING OF DIRECTING THE BRAHIMI MISSION ALONG. END COMMENT.

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FOR EMBASSY PARIS  
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9. BASED ON PERLOW/FENDRICK SEPTEMBER 2 TELECON, DEPARTMENT ASSUMES FRENCH AGREE WITH DATE AND VENUE FOR INITIAL TRIPARTITE MEETINGS. WE WOULD LIKE CONFIRMATION THAT QUAI AFRICA DIRECTOR DE LA SABLIERE WILL BE JOINING A/S MOOSE AND THE BELGIAN AFRICA DIRECTOR.

10. KINSHASA AND MOGADISHU MINIMIZE CONSIDERED.  
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